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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
Intelligence Information Handling Committee
WASHINGTON, DC 20505

16 MAY 1984

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15 May 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR: IHC Members

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Executive Secretary, IHC

SUBJECT: Minutes of April 20 IHC Meeting

1. Attached are the minutes of the IHC meeting held on 20 April 1984 at

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Minutes of the IHC Meeting

20 April 1984

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The IHC meeting was held on 20 April 1984. It began with a briefing on CIA's Biographic Storage and Retrieval system (BIOSTAR) by [redacted] and [redacted]. It is a manual system dedicated to support CIA/OCR, but which is undergoing development to transfer the information on more than 2.5M personalities onto optical discs. The file is increasing by some 650,000 per year. Current files are in hardcopy form (5"x8") in power files, with a few dossiers on important persons. The file services some 60,000 questions per year. It has all the usual advantages and disadvantages associated with manual systems. The proposed system will use image enhancing to ensure needed quality of information is recorded on the disc. It will consist of 120 work stations each with two screen displays. A prototype station will be available in late Fall for testing and evaluation by OCR.

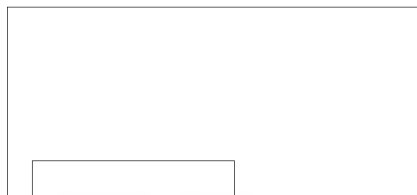
Next, the Committee reviewed the attached, proposed subcommittee charters and other member input to revise the charters. (The new charters reflecting these changes were distributed to IHC members on 25 April and are not included.)

The next IHC meeting was scheduled for 25 May 1984 at CHB from 0945-1200 hours.

IHC Meeting
20 April 1984

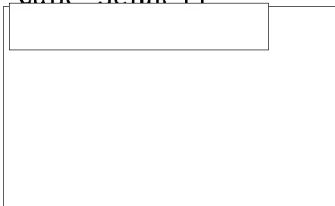
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David Schenken
Clarus Rice
Carl Compton
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29 March 1984

NOTE FOR: Chairman, Intelligence Information
Handling Committee

FROM : Clarus W. Rice
CIA Representative

SUBJECT : Proposed New IIHC Subcommittees

Wayne

1. I have reviewed your initial proposals for creating the new IIHC subcommittees. I strongly endorse the proposed Technical Data Subcommittee (TDS). It is an excellent idea and such a subcommittee is way overdue. It will provide the users with a forum for identifying formats for the collected data that are best suited to their needs. Too often technical collectors provide these data in formats suited to their needs or in formats that they anticipate analysts will use. The subcommittee will have to coordinate their activities very closely with SIGINT and COMIREX. In fact, it might be desirable to have a representative from these committees serve on the IIHC Subcommittee. Joint meetings of the IIHC and these committees might also be desirable when the IIHC is being briefed by the TDS.

2. I have some problems, however, with the other proposed subcommittee - Technology Subcommittee (TECSub). While the mission is worthwhile, implementation to achieve the stated goals may be difficult. It will be difficult for such a group to become aware of the new technology and even more difficult to stay aware. In the past, similar groups have tried inventories, catalogs, etc. None has been too successful; mainly because these devices soon become outdated. If you decide to go ahead with this subcommittee, you might want to consider some contractual help. It will also be difficult from a CIA standpoint to select only one representative to serve on such a subcommittee. As you are well aware, the activities of the subcommittee as defined in paragraph 2 of your memo cross over the mission of a large number of Agency offices. Technologies related to mass storage, to retrieval, to telecommunications, to computer security, to processing, to information exchange, etc. cover a large sphere. The subcommittee's charter is too broad. I recommend that we narrow its scope and concentrate on one area such as mass storage and retrieval rather than dissipating the effort on too many fronts.

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Clarus W. Rice



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Chairman, Intelligence Information Handling Committee

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Washington, DC 20505

Dear Mr. Boring,

In response to your IHC/MM 84-31 memorandum of 16 March 1984, same subject, the following comments are offered.

Although you indicate the third Friday of each month will be the new meeting date for the IHC, I request that you explore the possibility of meeting either the second or fourth Friday of each month. As I indicated earlier, the third Friday of the month has a number of scheduled morning events which are difficult for me to miss. A change to the morning of either the second or fourth Friday would be appreciated.

As long as the proposed Technical Subcommittee is consultative and advisory in nature, I have no major concerns with it. I note, however, that the survey and review of the status of technologies has been a principal function of the IHC itself. The formation of a Subcommittee to perform this review may remove a fair amount of substance from the full Committee proceedings. I suggest that this impact, which was not discussed at the off-site conference, be carefully considered before we move to establish the Subcommittee.

It is difficult to assess what is meant by the references to a second new committee (sic), the TSD or TDS. The use of terms such as "review plans for systems and projects that will provide processed data from technical collectors to substantive analysts" the suggestion that the TDS "will coordinate closely with SIGINT and COMIREX Committees to ensure no duplication of effort," and "will advise on means of efficiently distributing processed data" suggest that the IHC is to undertake a role considerably outside its charter and one that has not previously been discussed with NFIB principals. There is a significant need to clarify and refine what is meant by the description provided. As described here, it goes well beyond that which was discussed at the off-site

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conference and well beyond the role of a Intelligence Information Handling Committee. In addition, these proposed activities will certainly conflict with the work of the SIGINT Committee re requirements and formats for ELINT and Telemetry data support to Community S and T organizations. As indicated at the off-site conference, I do not believe this to be a useful endeavor for the IHC. The IHC has some serious intelligence information handling problems it has not yet addressed, without striking off into areas outside its charter and which appear to intrude into management areas. I suggest that this effort not be undertaken and that the IHC focus on a number of serious intelligence information handling questions that need a Community approach. These include the future of the subsequent phases of the CIRS effort in the face of a real question whether there will ever be Community access to the CIA (and DIA) systems, multiple DCI Committee efforts on intelligence information report formats, unresolved issues on the establishment of computer security guidance for Community intelligence information handling systems, and multiple DCI Committee efforts to establish Community data base access systems (ala CIRS) for specific sets of intelligence information, e.g., terrorism. These are serious issues of immediate concern which are within the IHC charter and which warrant near-term, full-time attention by the IHC.

I hope that the IHC, under your Chairmanship, can become an even more cooperative effort in which members have an opportunity to help establish and prioritize the Committee's efforts. If we begin to address the issues I have outlined, we will have made a start in that direction. If the TDS becomes a main Committee effort, we will have departed from the Committee's charter and from those things that make it a useful Community forum. I will work with you to try to retain the Committee's present good standing as such a forum.

Sincerely,



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NSA Member
Intelligence Information Handling Committee

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